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The Bodies In The Bag

St Leonard's-on-Sea,
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The police here are only half-heartedly looking for a man who must be the most embarrassed purse snatcher in the world to-day.

Sighting a young woman leaving a local bank with a purse under her arm, the culprit leaped from an automobile, snatched the bag and sped off.

The foot—three dead kittens, which were to be dropped into the nearby sea. —United Press.

Marshall Says 'No'

Informal Talks On China Rejected

Moscow, Mar. 17. Secretary of State George C. Marshall rejected on Sunday night a Russian request for informal discussions on China at the Foreign Ministers' Council prepared for a week of discussions on German reparations and economics, which many observers said held the key to the success or failure for the four-power meeting.

Mr Marshall offered to exchange with the Russian and British Foreign Ministers information about the Chinese situation.

British informants said British Foreign Minister Ernest Bevin was expected to reply to Mr Molotov in the same manner as Mr Marshall.

TEXT OF LETTER

The American delegation made public Mr Marshall's letter replying to Mr Molotov's request for the Chinese conference.

The text follows:

"Dear Mr Molotov: I have your letter of March 11 relating to the matter of the execution of provisions of the Moscow Protocol of December 1945 with reference to China.

"When this question was raised by you in the Council of Foreign Ministers I stated I would be pleased to exchange with you and Mr Bevin while I am in Moscow, but not in the Council of Foreign Ministers. Information concerning the execution of the revision of the Moscow declaration regarding China.

"This I will do but I do not think it desirable to engage in any conference, however informal.

"I suggest that each of us furnish the other with stated information before April 1 and that each of us make available a copy of the information furnished to the Chinese Government.

"Please accept, Mr Foreign Minister, assurances of my highest esteem."—Associated Press.

EDITORIAL

New Political Drama

SPEAKING with Rooseveltian bluntness, President Truman last week served notice on Russia that the United States was willing to go to almost any lengths to prevent Communism dominating Europe. Secretary of State Marshall seconded the motion 24 hours later with a diplomatic declaration before the Foreign Ministers' Council in Moscow about America's ideas as to what constituted democracy. Plainly directed at Mr Molotov, it read like a schoolmaster's admonition to a pupil who had not quite played the game. A day later, the British parliament aligned itself with Mr Truman's new policy by voting a £10,000,000 grant to Greece to help the country withstand its obnoxious communist elements. All this was accomplished without a single direct reference either to Russia as an influence, or communism as a political force. It has been left to Senator Robert Taft to discard the cloak of diplomatic phraseology and to tell the world exactly what President Truman and Mr Marshall meant by their speeches. Senator Taft has told Russia that if she persists in her expansionist programme, which is taking the form of injecting the malignant virus of communism into countries too weak to resist, it may well mean war with the United States. The first practical move to counter Soviet foreign policy is to make available \$400,000,000 to Greece and Turkey for the purpose of

MARTIAL LAW IN PALESTINE CALLED OFF

Authorities Finish Immediate Task

Jerusalem, Mar. 16.

In a special communiqué announcing the withdrawal of the statutory martial law imposed in Palestine two weeks ago from 12 noon to-morrow, the Palestine Government states: "The Army and the Police have completed their immediate task."

The communiqué points out that statutory martial law can and will be applied again if necessary.

The communiqué states that martial law was imposed as a result of a series of outrages with the object of carrying out action by the security forces directed against the Jewish dissident groups.

The communiqué adds that an appreciable number of former members of the Irgun Zvai Leumi and the Stern Gang have been apprehended by the Army and the police since the martial law was clamped down. It is not decided to extend indefinitely the loss of employment and dislocation in the economic situation of the two localities. For these reasons the martial law is being lifted and the opportunity given to the community to intensify and not diminish their co-operation which is essential to a country free from terrorist activity which has been so widely condemned by all responsible bodies and people. —Reuter.

CUSTODY OF PACIFIC IS.

U.S. "Thumbs Down" To Amendments

Lake Success, Mar. 16.

An official spokesman said to-day that American officials will reject three British and Australian amendments to-morrow when the United Nations Security Council resumes debate on the American plan for exclusive United States trusteeship over Japanese-occupied islands.

The United States has prepared also to reject any last minute amendments submitted by New Zealand, India, the Philippines or the Netherlands.

The three countries probably will get temporary seats in the Council to-morrow to comment on trusteeship agreements. Confident of final approval, the American delegate, Mr Warren Austin, was depicted as impotent at efforts by Britain and her dominions to delay final action on the plan.

EXPECTS APPROVAL

He was said to be hoping for approval before the end of the week.

Australia and Britain have proposed specific changes in the terms by which the United States plan to maintain sole custody of 623 islands making up the battle famous Marianas, Carolines and Marshalls.

New Zealand turned up at the last minute with demands that all states which fought the Pacific war be entitled to speak their piece in the Council before it gives final approval to the American plan.

India and the Philippines indicated that they would take advantage of the invitation wangled by New Zealand. They must appear at to-morrow afternoon's meeting to get a hearing. None of the objections voiced by the British, Australians and New Zealanders were deep enough to prevent final approval of the trusteeship agreement.

Russia, once considered to be the only threat to approval, has enthusiastically endorsed American control of the strategic islands.

"OPEN DOOR" POLICY

One British amendment would require complete "open door" economic policy in the islands, striking out a provision which gives the United States economic preference.

American officials, however, will reject the British proposal on the grounds that it would limit United States power to close off strategic parts of the area to all foreigners.

The strategic part of the British proposal gives the United States authority to build the islands into secret naval and military bastions for use in this country's national security system as well as in the United Nations' still to be achieved system of collective security.

The second British proposal would stipulate that the United States must notify the Council before it closes part of the area to outsiders. American officials will contend that they already are bound to do so and turn down the British amendment. —United Press.

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Aid To Greece Described As "Filling A Vacuum"

Washington, March 16.

The former Under-secretary of State, Sumner Welles, to-day endorsed President Truman's proposal to grant \$400,000,000 aid to Turkey and Greece as the "surest means of preventing war and ensuring peace."

He said obviously either the United States or Russia must fill the "vacuum created by Britain's inability any longer to assume her traditional responsibility in the Near East."

He said Russia will fill the vacuum "unless the United States takes effective steps to check all further attempts on the part of the Soviet Union and impose her jurisdiction over the weaker peoples who desire to preserve their democratic independence."

Welles said that from a practical standpoint the United Nations is powerless to help Greece principally because Russia and the Western governments could not reach an agreement within the Security Council on the course to be pursued.

He said the United Nations is still able to operate only in a "rudimentary way" and that "during the earlier years of its existence it can never function successfully unless the great powers are able to agree upon basic policies of the issue." —United Press.

Political Tussle Over Dead Body

Funeral Postponed

Shanghai, Mar. 16. Kuomintang organisations and leftist public bodies are to-day engaged in a frantic struggle for possession of a corpse.

Each side wants a hand in his funeral, to make him a "martyr" for its cause. While the struggle goes on, the funeral procession has been postponed indefinitely.

The deceased was Liang Jen-ta, an obscure employee of a large Chinese department store. He was killed on February 9 during a serious clash that broke a meeting called to sponsor an anti-American demonstration urging a boycott of American goods.

The leftists, calling the case the "February 9 Tragic Incident," charged that Kuomintang secret police broke up the meeting by attacking the audience, and that Liang was one of the "Chinese Gestapo's" victims.

COUNTER-CHARGE

The Kuomintang, however, charged that the leftists—notably the Democratic League members whom they refer to as the "trolls of the Chinese Communists"—called the meeting under the pretext of sponsoring movement to encourage the consumption of native goods. They alleged that when the speakers addressed an anti-American boycott and started attacking the American policy in China, a major portion of the audience realised they were being misled into a political gathering. When that group tried to withdraw, a clash developed, killing Liang.

"Liang is a victim of those ambitious politicians who try to blindfold the public and lead them to Communism for their own aggrandizement," Kuomintang organisations claimed.

STEAL A MARCH

While the Kuomintang authorities and Shanghai's city government were threatening criminal charges against those who called the meeting under false pretences thus disturbing the social order, the leftists stole a march and gained control of the funeral arrangements.

The leftists started a fund campaign in their newspapers for their "martyr." At the same time, they arranged for a large funeral procession in which "thousands" were to have attended. The procession was to have been anything but solemn as those in the parade were to have shouted slogans and carried banners denouncing the Kuomintang, its secret police and its "masters"—the Americans.

However, the police stepped in and, all of a sudden, the casket containing Liang's remains was spirited away to an unannounced destination. According to pro-Kuomintang newspaper accounts, this was done by the widow who did not want the Communists to capitalise on her bereavement.

SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGNS

Now the Kuomintang authorities in Shanghai are arranging for Liang's funeral. No date has yet been set for the occasion. It is said that the authorities are still discussing whether the funeral shall be an elaborate affair held under police protection or just a quiet family affair attended by high city officials or their representatives.

Meanwhile, the leftists have not completely "disowned" Liang. Their fund campaign is continuing. And the Kuomintang authorities are preparing to raise a dollar for a dollar to match the leftists in their contribution to a pension for the "martyr's" widow. —United Press.

Many Casualties In Punjab Disorder

Troops opened fire to-day to disperse a crowd preparing to attack the village of Adhwal, in the hilly Attock district of north-west Punjab, Lahore, 40 miles from Peshawar, is separated from North-west Frontier Province by the Indus river. Casualties were heavy.

The trouble was mainly confined in the Attock district to Pindi Chob, 60 miles south-west of Rawalpindi, and the area along the railway.

Heavy casualties from another village, Nullah, have been reported. Fifty houses were burnt. Houses and shops were looted at Oehri and Jaiwal villages in the area. All Hindus have been evacuated from Jaiwal, near Campbellpur, Batala and villages in the neighbourhood.

All trouble in the Dardial area in the Jhelum district of the North-west Frontier has ceased, the announcement said.

The Bihari Government has arranged to drop copies of the Government newspaper, "Bihari Samachar," containing Gandhi's speeches at prayer meetings pleading for amity between Hindus and Moslems, by aeroplane over the districts affected. —Reuter.

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"Tortilla Flat" is a 1947 American comedy film directed by Victor Fleming and written by John Steinbeck. It stars Frank Morgan, Akim Tamiroff, and Hedy Lamarr. The film is based on Steinbeck's 1937 novel of the same name. The story follows a group of tenant farmers in a small town who are forced to leave their homes due to a drought and find work in a nearby city. The film is known for its realistic depiction of poverty and the resilience of the human spirit. It received critical acclaim and won several awards, including an Academy Award for Best Picture.

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TEEN TOPICS

Here are some "leading" questions from Teen Age correspondents. And here are my answers.

Question—Does a fifteen-year-old girl need a party dress for winter?

Answer—Yes, if her budget will allow it. A corduroy suit, with a dainty blouse, is nice because it can do double duty.

Question—Is a permanent necessary to have a glamour hairdo? I am 17 years old.

Answer—Yes. If your hair is kept clean and well brushed, a Glamour Bob or 'o' Glamorous Hardio can be done by you. But if your hair is "lank", a permanent will certainly help.

Question—If a Teen Age girl works after school, should she do housework on Saturdays?

Answer—Not knowing all the circumstances, I cannot say definitely. But I should say that Saturdays should be for rest and for fun.

Question—Is a sweater and skirt outfit correct for a seventeen-year-old who works in an office?

Answer—Yes, if her figure is the kind that is not TOO emphasized by a sweater.

Minute Makeup
by GABRIELLE



Golden glints in your hair and rhinestones glittering on your shoulders—that's your Shine. On holiday fashion! All of this Glitter makes it necessary to inspect your makeup kit. Choose some new shades to act as backdrop for your Shine!

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"I used to think he was being 'sent' until I found out that he just naturally looks dopey!"

Philippines To Call Up 15,000 Youths for Army

The resumption of the prewar MacArthur Plan for training a citizen army of 500,000 for the Philippines will be marked by the calling up of 15,000 young men by July, Maj Gen Rafael Jalandoni, Philippine Army chief of staff, said recently.

The cadre training period has been extended from six months to one year, Jalandoni said.

"We will have no half-baked personnel in the organization when they are called to the test," he explained.

The construction of barracks at Camp Ord, in Tarlac, few miles north-east of the United States Army Philippine Scouts' training ground at Camp O'Donnell, is already under way.

Jalandoni said the postwar Philippine Army will be trained in large regional centres like Camp Ord rather than in provisional centres as before the war to ensure more uniform and effective instruction.

One Division a Year

The outbreak of the Pacific War found the citizen army plan as envisioned by Gen. Douglas MacArthur, who had been the military adviser to the Philippine Commonwealth, only about one-fifth of the way towards its goal due to the lack of time and money.

Initially formed reservists did voluntary work in Balan, but their lack of training was woefully evident in the opinion of army observers.

The Filipinos are now spending 35 percent of the budget on the national defence plan to train one division a year.

HOW RENT TRIBUNALS OPERATE

English newspapers during the past six months have frequently contained items like this:

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Ministry Stepped In

—When at the end of the war, servicemen began to return home in their thousands, increasing still more the housing problem, many landlords and ladies rubbed their hands in glee and charged exorbitant rents.

Under the then existing laws they got away with it. But halfway through 1946, the Ministry of Health stepped in with an answer.

It empowered local authorities to negotiate for the setting up of rent tribunals with the power not only to reduce rents, but to make landlords and ladies keep their tenants at home.

The result is that tribunals have sprung up in many parts of England and Wales.

Under the then existing laws they sit in small, chilly rooms with the tenants and landlord or ladyland facing each other in front of the tribunal members and a few newspaper reporters. The tribunal comprises three members, the chairman often being a barrister; and an increasing number of women are taking part.

Houses Inspected

Both sides are allowed to say whatever they wish provided it is relevant, and sometimes a decision takes days to consider, though this is far from being the case always.

Before or after a hearing, tribunal members go along to the tenants' premises and inspect them thoroughly, evaluating everything. Sometimes, neither side turns up at a hearing because cases can be put in writing. It is also possible to request a private hearing, where circumstances permit.

Operated under Furnished Houses (Rent Control) Act, which is operational until December 31, 1947, tribunals do not allow of an right of appeal, though another hearing is allowed where a landlord or ladyland has altered services.

Defiance of a tribunal decision makes the offender liable to anything up to six months' imprisonment and/or £100 fine. The premises covered are those let at a rent which includes payment for use of furniture or for services, and unfurnished premises let with use of services.

Reductions in rental are not automatically resultant from these hearings. There have even been instances in which the tribunal has authorised an increase in rent, though these are, of course, rare.

Up to January 31, 6201 cases were referred to the 72 rent tribunals then operating. Rent reductions were made in 2771 out of 3522 cases so far decided, which is slightly less than 78 percent.

LANCASHIRE NEWSLETTER

By a special correspondent

"This gesture has revived the Dunkirk spirit in the workshops" was the comment of a workers' spokesman when Metropolitan-Vickers, Trafford Park, Manchester, announced, at the beginning of the fuel crisis that they would guarantee three weeks' wages from February 14 to 13,000 of their workers thrown out of employment by the cuts.

In the reply the workers have pledged themselves to make up for the lost output as soon as the power is restored.

Workers similarly affected at the Lenore chemical works, Eccles, received a full week's wages, and their reply was that when things became normal they would work overtime without payment to an amount equal to the hours they were paid when not working.

As a footnote it may be pointed out that payments such as these are subject to income tax. Unemployment pay is not.

Famine in Hay

A famine in hay constitutes a big threat to the milk supply of the north-western area. Owing to the exceptionally wet weather of last summer the hay crop where it could be gathered was of a poor quality.

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GIANT DNEIPEL GENERATOR

Schenectady, Mar. 16. General Electric has announced that the first of three giant American-made electric generators installed in Soviet Russia's great Dnieper Dam has been run successfully at full speed.

The announcement said the test marked the first power operation of the dam since 1941, when the Red Army dynamited the original generators to deny their use to the Germans.

The two additional generators soon will be in operation. — Associated Press.

United Ireland Demand

Cardiff, Mar. 16. The mobilisation of Irish opinion in the United States and the British Empire to support the demand for a United Ireland was urged here to-day by Mr. T. L. Mullins, member of the Flanna Fail (Government party in Eire) at a meeting protesting against the partition of Ireland.

Mr. Mullins said that while the Labour Party had declared partition to be a grave injustice against a free and friendly people, time was found to prepare a new bill to enlarge the legislative power of Northern Ireland.

A resolution was passed at to-day's meeting, organised by the Irish Anti-Partition League, protesting against "British partition of Ireland" and demanding immediate action by the British Government to end it.

In 1921 a treaty was signed between Great Britain and Eire, by which the latter accepted Dominion status, and in 1925 the border between Eire and Northern Ireland was fixed. The constitution of Eire declares it to be a sovereign, independent democratic state, while executive power in Northern Ireland is vested in the Governor on behalf of the King. — Reuter.

Storm Holds Up Sea Rescue

Honolulu, Mar. 16. A new storm is howling out of the North-west Pacific and threatens to swamp the stern section of the wrecked tanker Fort Dearborn, making it impossible for any immediate rescue of the 22 men aboard.

Hopes are dimmed, but the sea-air search continues for the 12 members of the tanker's crew who put out in a lifeboat after the ship broke in two in a storm last Wednesday.

The 10 others that were rescued from the bow section are safely en route to San Francisco in the liner General W. H. Gordon. — Associated Press.

More Jews Arrive In Australia

Sydney, Mar. 16. The Dutch ship John de Witt (10,474 tons) has arrived here with 710 Jewish immigrants from Europe. Mr. Arthur Calwell, the Australian immigration Minister, stated that when the ship left Marseilles in February the Australian Government had no part in arranging the passage of Jewish displaced persons who came from Poland, Austria and Hungary. He added that an officer on the Australian High Commission staff in London had agreed that travelling conditions in the liner were not suitable for British immigrants. Most of the landing permits had been issued more than a year ago to relatives who guaranteed the immigrants' maintenance and accommodation.

The Jews aboard the ship include doctors, lawyers, engineers, builders and farmers. — Reuter.

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ARGENTINE EMPLOYS TOP NAZI SCIENTISTS

Paraguay Rebellion Spreads

Buenos Aires, Mar. 16.

The Paraguay rebel broadcasting station at Concepcion announced that a Chaco division, headed by Colonel Gugliani, "decided to join the rebel forces and take the offensive against Morinigo's forces," early to-day.

The same broadcast claimed that the rebels have numerical superiority in forces of three to one.

The Paraguay government broadcasting station at Asuncion, the capital, announced that the Liberal Party has joined the revolution.

Asuncion dispatches announced that President Morinigo had ordered the Royal Army to start a large scale operation against the Concepcion rebels and is sending more troops to the fighting front. — Reuter.

United Action By Democracies Urged By Koo

Charlottesville, Virginia, Mar. 16.

Dr. V. K. Wellington Koo, Chinese Ambassador to the United States, said in an address at the University of Virginia to-day there can be no doubt democracy will triumph over other ideologies.

"Pence is indivisible" he said, "and prosperity and freedom are likewise."

He said if the world powers cannot co-operate, "the international outlook cannot be anything but sombre and grim." He said the world situation is "complicated" by the presence of rival ideologies, and the cause of co-operation is rendered difficult by different nations pursuing different modes of approach to a given question.

Rival Ideologies

Dr. Koo said this only emphasises the need of understanding that leads to co-operation, and declared: "It should be added, however, that in the presence of highly-organised and co-ordinated rival ideologies, the forces of democracy must be united. Their unity of action is necessary. No union is stronger than the union of democracy for the strength of democracy lies in the fact that it is based not upon the will of the invisible state but upon the free consent of each individual."

Informed Public Opinion

"When the light of reason and argument of discussion and debate is brought to bear upon the merits of the different ideologies, there can be no doubt that democracy will triumph in the end."

Dr. Koo said he does not despair of either possibility or ultimate outcome of co-operation between nations of different ideologies. What is above all desirable and necessary is that there should be informed public opinion on important international issues at stake and fully cognisant of sustained enlightened co-operation. — Associated Press.

Dakota Crash

Searchers Find 16 Bodies

Paris, Mar. 16.

Search parties in the Fontaine Gavanne ravine in the French Alps after recovering 16 bodies near the snowbound wreckage of the Air France Dakota which crashed two days ago, were impeded in their efforts this evening by a heavy avalanche which swept down the side of the ravine and threatened to engulf both the remnants of the plane and the searchers as well.

The searchers heard the rumble of falling snow just in time to escape. They saw the avalanche, three to four metres deep, sweep down on a distance of one mile and a width of 50 metres past the wrecked plane.

Three of the bodies found this afternoon were identified as those of Michel Knabie, a Paris industrialist, Roger Burge, the radio officer and Yves Luoches, second pilot.

Of the four who were found this morning one was a woman and another believed to be an American passenger. All 16 bodies so far removed from the crash have been moved to a nearby village. — Reuter.

ULTIMATUM TO TRAM STRIKERS

Singapore, Mar. 16.

The latest development in the six-week old strike of tramway employees is that the Traction Company has told strikers who do not return to work by Wednesday that they will be liable to be dismissed.

Police protection is offered to all who resume work.

The Government has appointed Mr. Justice Jobling to act as mediator. — Reuter.

London, Mar. 16. The Sunday newspaper, *Reynolds News*, in a front page article by a special correspondent to-day, charged that top-ranking Nazi scientists are being taken on by the government of Argentina, where one of the most important deposits of uranium has been found in the province of Mendoza.

The dispatch said there was evidence that the evacuation of former top Nazis to Argentina had been carried out under a secret agreement between Franco Spain and Gen. Juan Peron, which virtually amounts to a military pact.

The report said the group of Nazi physicists included Dr. Guido Beck, Czech expert "who assisted Nazi physicists in atomic experiments."

The Reynolds News report said a staff of 100 scientists "are now working at a laboratory" near Cordoba with unlimited funds drawn from dictator Peron's revenue and classified as "secret military expenditure."

The article said the group included Nazis who fled to Spain and by agreement with Gen. Franco became naturalised Spanish citizens.

The report further alleged that "Argentine mining experts Gabriel Alvarez and Demetrio Ortega, with six Franco naturalised Germans, are training as uranium prospectors" in the Jujuy Province, Villa Dolores in San Luis Province, Chilecito in La Rioja and in Catamarca Province.

Network Of Aerodromes

Reynolds News said uranium deposits were found in Spain in 1945, "but although Franco sent an agent, Gumerindo Garcia, to the United States to get special mining machinery he failed to secure any."

The report said therefore "it is possible he (Franco) now has arranged for getting this plant through the Argentine Government which recently granted him large credit."

The report also said a "great network of aerodromes" was being hastily constructed throughout Spain

"on a scale all out of proportion to civil requirements," especially near Madrid, Barcelona, Valencia, Bilbao and Santander.

The dispatch added it was reported the work was supervised by "hush-hush" United States technicians. — United Press.

BYRD'S MEN IN SYDNEY FOR VISIT

Sydney, Mar. 16.

United States naval officers from Admiral Richard Byrd's Antarctic expedition said yesterday they were amazed at the way in which Sydney girls have been "throwing themselves" at the Americans.

Units of the expedition have arrived in Sydney for a brief visit.

Police explained the rush by saying that it had been reported that the men carried as much as about \$1,000 (£250) on them to spend in Sydney in about six days' leave.

Police and United States shore patrols are co-operating to protect the men from racketeers. — United Press.

Americans Favour Curbing Totalitarian Aggression

Washington, Mar. 16.

National consciousness of the world situation has been deeply stirred by the first week's political discussion of Greece and Turkey aid since the White House leaders conference, with many indications of United States willingness to accept a more active role in world leadership, but it remains certain that many phases of foreign policy will be subjected to careful Congressional examination.

Developments have reversed the earlier disposition of the general public to shift attention from world to domestic problems.

Diplomatic observers note that the sharpest criticism of President Truman's programme came from the extremes of the Right and Left, and think "isolationist" sentiment so far has failed to attract spectacular leadership or important Congressional strength.

Whereas after World War I, the strong isolationism of the west and northwest "quietly" influenced foreign policy, the same situation has not recurred, partly because of no great surpluses in farm commodities and partly because Far Eastern affairs compel the constant and active interest of all western Congressmen in the evolution of United States world policy.

Diplomatic observers estimate that the United States public presentation of the President's message to Congress as potentially applicable to the entire Middle Eastern area, and many authorities think major long-term consequence of the pending debate will be the evolution of a durable, integrated United States policy vis-a-vis the Middle East.

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The American purpose in assuming greater world responsibility revives political interest in the United States long-term commercial policy. It is considered obvious that unqualified Republican approval of Mr. Truman's programme would be inconsistent with the revival of nationalistic "protectionism" and this is likely to perplex many Republicans who, simultaneously, favour world-wide resistance to Communism while regarding commerce as essentially a national concern.

The commercial aspects of United States foreign policy have not pre-occupied Congress while business is flourishing, but in the event of a "recession" would command greater interest. — United Press.

DELEGATES TO STUDY REPORT ON GERMANY'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

By SYLVAIN MANGEOT

Reuter's Diplomatic Correspondent

Moscow, Mar. 16. Unless any further surprise changes are made in the agenda, the Foreign Ministers will start the second week of the Moscow Conference with a study of the Control Council's report on economic principles.

It is generally recognised here that this section of the report is the most important, as well as the bulkiest, chapter in the Control authorities' analysis of the extent to which the Potsdam Agreement has or has not been fulfilled.

Police protection is offered to all who resume work.

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POCKET CARTOON



Clarification Of Russian Views On Alaska Sought

Washington, Mar. 16. Representative Gearhardt, Republican of California, said to-day that Russia "is looking at Alaska with covetous eyes."

He declared the Soviets contend that Alaska's purchase by the United States from the Czarist Government in 1867 was illegal, and demanded that the State Department say whether Moscow is seeking the return of the rich and strategic territory.

Gearhardt told a reporter he will raise the question on the house floor to-morrow in connection with President Harry Truman's programme by Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of my ship "EMPIRE TYNE" of Hong Kong Official Number 145527 of Gross tonnage 3724 tons Register tonnage 2900 tons, heretofore owned by me for permission to change her name to "INCHCRAG" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by me.

Any objection to the proposed change of name must be sent to the Registrar of Shipping at Hong Kong within seven days from the appearance of this advertisement.

Dated at Hong Kong this 14th day of March 1947.

(Signed) S. T. WILLIAMSON.

OFFICIAL NOTICE

Proposal to change a Ship's Name

I, Stuart Taylor Williamson of Hong Kong hereby give notice that being desirous of co-ordinating nomenclature I have applied to the Minister of Transport under Section 47 of the Merchant Shipping Act, 1894, in respect of my ship "EMPIRE TYNE" of Hong Kong Official Number 145527 of Gross tonnage 3724 tons Register tonnage 2900 tons, heretofore owned by me for permission to change her name to "INCHCRAG" and to have her registered in the new name at the Port of Hong Kong as owned by me.

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Frankfurt, Mar. 16.

Military Government officers reported that a fire, believed to have been set by arsonists, early to-day damaged a building in Schleuchtern, 50 miles north-east of here, containing military and counter-intelligence headquarters and German demobilisation headquarters. "We believe the fire was set by persons attempting to destroy personnel investigation records," a Military Government official stated.

Officers said the building janitor was detained briefly, but was released after questioning. They said they found an empty gasoline can, and, from all appearances, a large section of the top floor of the three-storey building had been saturated before it was ignited. Damage was mainly to the top floor, where county records of the demobilisation court and records of Military Government investigations were kept, but officers said all records were intact. — United Press.

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Monday, March 17.

Airmails: Hangon, Calcutta, Delhi, Johannesburg, Cairo, 3.30 p.m.

Surface: USA Central and South America, Canada (via San Francisco) 3 p.m., Macao, Tashkent, Sheki, Kengtung, 4 p.m.; Canton, 4 p.m.

British Arms Used

Cheribon, Switzerland, Mar. 16.

Weapons supplied by the British to Greek resistance forces during the war have been used to arm Leftist guerrilla bands in the current civil strife in Greece, the Rev. Edward Every, the World Council of Churches representative in Greece, told the second annual conference of the Church Council's Reconstruction Department to-day.

Rev. Every, a former Royal Air Force chaplain, said only a small proportion of the arms dropped by the RAF were turned in, and added some weapons being used were said to be coming in from across the borders. — Reuter.

Saw Russian Manoeuvres

Berlin, Mar. 16.

Nels Norlund, 26-year-old correspondent of the Copenhagen newspaper, *Bergenske Tidende*, reported to-day that British military police fired three shots yesterday at Russian officers who attempted to prevent him from returning to Berlin after holding him captive for 20 hours in the Russian occupation zone.

Norlund, released after his two-day ordeal, said he was held by the Russians after inadvertently witnessing "huge" Soviet manoeuvres in the Russian zone 60 miles out of Berlin. — United Press.

PASSENGER JET PLANE

San Diego, Cal. Mar. 17.

A commercial air transport using jet propulsion—for added power from the exhaust of its two 2,400 horsepower convention type engines—made an initial flight yesterday.

The 40-passenger transport capable of cruising at 300 miles an hour also is the first peacetime twin engine commercial